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E.O. 11652: GDS TAGS: IS, IT, UN

SUBJECT: AUSTRALIA TO OPPOSE EXPULSION OF ISRAEL FROM UN

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1. I TOLD PRIMIN WHITLAM JULY 29 THAT I UNDERSTOOD FROM RABBI HERTZBERG THAT AUSTRALIA WOULD VOTE AND LOBBY AGAINST ANY UN RESOLUTION SEEKING TO EXPEL ISRAEL FROM UN. WHITLAM SAID THAT WAS GENERALLY HIS POSITION; HE CERTAINLY "DID NOT WANT TO KNOCK THE PROPS OUT FROM FRAGILE PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST". WHITLAM THEN TURNED TO A FELLOW GUEST, JOHN ROWLAND (ACTING SECRETARY OF DFA) TO ASK WHERE THINGS STOOD BUREAUCRATICALLY ON THIS MATTER. ROWLAND REPLIED THAT A RECOMMENDATION ALONG THESE LINES HAD GONE FORWARD TO FONMIN WILLESEE.

2. I SUBSEQUENTLY CHECKED JULY 30 WITH JOHN ROWLAND WHO SAID THERE IS LIKELY TO BE A PUBLIC STATEMENT JULY 31 IN WHICH GOA WILL BE ON RECORD AS OPPOSING ANY EXPULSION OF ISRAEL FROM UN. THE STATEMENT WILL OF COURSE SAY NOTHING ABOUT LOBBYING AGAINST EXPULSION, BUT IT IS THE RECOMMENDED DFA POSITION (TO BE APPROVED BY WILLESEE AND WHITLAM) THAT AUSTRALIA WILL BE ACTIVE IN DRAWING TO THE ATTENTION OF A NUMBER OF SELECTED COUNTRIES ITS FIRM VIEWS IN OPPOSING EXPULSION, BUT GOA "WILL NOT TWIST ARMS".

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